STRANGE AND

Wonderful News from LONDON:

Or, A true Narrative of several most Remarkable Occurrences there:

I. The Condemnation of several Jesuits, and Popish Priests, for High Treason, and their particular Crimes.

II. A Further Discovery of the Horrid Plot, a Popish Colledge and great Numbers of Books and Idolatrous Reliques found in the *Savoy*, *Ivy-Lane*, and other places.

III. The Last Confession & Executions of the Two Grand Jesuits, *Viz.* { Mr. *WILLIAM IRELAND*, and *JOHN GROVE*.

They were Drawn, Hang'd, and Quartered at *TYBURN*, for High-Treason, on *Fryday* the 24*th.* of *January*, $167\frac{8}{9}$. Giving an Account of their Behaviour in *Newgate*, and their Deportment at the place of Execution.

IV. The Barbarous Murther in *Little-britain*, where a Smiths prentice out of a Covetous desire to get his Masters Shop and Trade, shot him through the Heart with a Musquet, *Jan.* 12. For which being Convicted of petty Treason, he was Drawn, and Hang'd, very neer his Masters Door on the 22*th.* of *Jan.*

V. A true Relation of the Great Robbery Committed by neer Twenty Thieves in *Hatton-Garden*; stealing away almost Four Hundred Ounces of plate, besides, Rings, Money, &c. under pretence of Searching for *Papists*; for which Five of them being Taken, were likewise Condemned, and Hanged, with Six other Malefactors, on the said 22*th.* of *Jan.* 1678. at *Tyburn*.

With Several other Notable Remarques.

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TO give an account of all the horrid and abominable crimes that are dayly discovered in this wicked Age, would require large Volums, whereas we are confined to a single sheet; and therefore as we shall mention nothing but what is of certain truth, so we shall give an account only of some of the most remarkable and extraordinary Crimes, and the punishments awarded to the Offenders, that all our English Israel *may* Hear and Fear, *and none henceforth presume to commit the like wickedness.*

THe First thing we shall speak of, is that of the most general concernment; that is to say, the Horrid *Popish Plot*, concerning which, on Tuesday the 17*th*. of *Decem*. *Ireland* a grand Jesuite, and *Pickering* and *Grove* both of the same order, but onely Lay-Brothers (as they call them.) The first sometimes followed the Trade of a Taylor, the second keeping an Alehouse, were Condemned of High Treason, for conspiring the death of his sacred Majesty, whom God preserve. The 2 last were set on by the first two & others, to do the execrable Fact; and for the same, *Grove* was to have 15 hundred pound, and *Pickering* 30 thousand Masses: and they had severally waited to accomplish it, but were always prevented by providence, and did justly suffer for such their Hellish Treason. Since that, *Viz*. the 17*th*. of *Jan*. there is another Popish priest, one *Adland*, Condemned for High Treason, for having taken orders from the See of *Rome*, and being in *England* contrary to the Statute. Also in the Savoy has been discovered a place intended for a Colledge of Benedict Monks,

Monks, and many thousand popish Books, with Images, and Idolatrous Reliques great store, and two priests who are in Goal: As likewise a Cook in *Ivy-Lane*, that some years ago turn'd papist, who upon his Majesties proclamation commanding papists out of the City, went away, pretending his conscience would by no means allow him to take the Oath of Supremacy; but having been tutor'd a while by his priests, about a Fortnight after comes back again, pretends himself a protestant, and offers to take any Oath should be tendred him; yet after all this, his house being searched last week, there was abundance of popish Books found in private Closets and holes made on purpose, as also Crucifixes, Incence-pots, priests Vestments, &c. so that it appear'd Mass used to be said there, whereupon the said Trumpery was seized, and the Cook sent to *Newgate*. There is daily taken all imaginable care and diligence to search the cursed design to the bottom, which we pray God to discover, and so we shall proceed to the Last Confession and Execution of the two grand Iesuites.

The first wat Mr. *Ireland*, a Man of great Authority amongst the Romanists: 'tis said he was head-provincial aad chief Treasurer for the Jesuites Colledges in *Europe*. The second was Mr. *Grove*, who as I said before was formerly a *Taylor*, but now since promoted to be a Lay-brother of the Jesuits, as they call them. These Two had formerly demeaned themselves so well to outward appearance, that they gain'd the love and esterm of many sober and judicious Men, but being either inticed by the Usurping *Tyrant of Rome*, or swell'd with false hopes and vitious inclinations in hopes of future gain, or to be Sainted here on Earth, levied all their machinations

and trayterous Designs against the establisht Government, and the Protestant Religion, but the Plot being most miraculously Discovered, they were nip'd in their early Blossum, and conveyed to *Newgate* in order to their Tryal, which they took at a Sessions of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, at the *Old-Bayly*, *London*, &c. they were found guilty of holding trayterous Correspondence with Forraign-Plotters against the Life and Government of his most Sacred Majesty: For which they were Sentenc'd to Death, to be Drawn, Hang'd, and Quarter'd, and their Bowels to be Burn'd before their faces.

According to their Sentence, after a long time given them to repent in, thry were Executed on Fryday the 24*th*. day of *January*, 1679. they were guarded with the Sherieffs Officers, a great company of Watch-men, and an innumerable throng of people to *Tyburn*; at the sight of which, their lowring spirits flag'd, though in the height of their diabollical zeal, they thought themselves able to tumble down Monarcks, depopolate Kingdoms, and Cities lay in Ashes; but thanks be to God they have found themselves mistaken in their own imaginations. They were both drawn in a new Sled with four able Horses, deckt with Feathers and Ribbons, being attired in Campaign Coats, one of Freeze the other of Camlet, the one had a Neck-cloth-Cravat, on the other a plain Cravat, each of them had white Beaver Hats, and black Hat-bands, one having a Book in his hands, they often looked up as it were with elevated countenances, and 'tis hoped a true contrition

contrition for their heinous Crimes. Being come to the place of Execution, they made many Prayers, and 'tis said they pray'd for the King: After some short ejaculations they pull'd their Caps over their eyes, and the Executioner did his office: one of them had a Crucifix about his Neck, the other had not: The Quarters were return'd to an Inn in *St. Giles's*. And now I hope all people will take warning by their sad though well deserved Punishment.

Having laid forth to your view the true Circumstance of the most horrid Plot conspir'd by Ireland *and* Grove, *against his most Sacred Majesty, I shall now proceed to a horrid Murther, and great Robbery.*

THE Circumstances of this Murther we have to relate, were exactly as follows. In *Little-Brittain* near *Smithfield*, *London*, there lived one Mr. *Bailey* a Smith, who had serv'd all Offices in his Parish; and justly had the repute of a very honest man; his Wife dyed about four months ago, so that there was no body in the house but himself and his Apprentice, a Lad about one or two and twenty years of age, and that had not above 3 or 4 months of his Apprentiship to serve: On Saturday the 11*th.* of this Instant *January*, this prentice went out with his Masters Arms with the Trainband on the Guard, and therefore on Sunday evening the good man considering he had been up all the night before, having given him money to buy a pint of Ale to drink at his supper, &c. as he had always been very kind to him, ordered him about 6 a Clock to go to bed, and afterwards locking his door, went himself out to a Neighbours, where he sat till near 8 and then went home; next morning

ing as soon as it was light, the prentice makes an out-cry that his Master lay dead in the Shop, pretending that he knew nothing of it till he came down to go to work and found him there; when neighbours came in, there lay the Master shot in at the back below the Shoulder-bone and out again at the Breast, 'tis supposed with a Slug or great piece of Iron, for the Orifice of the Wound was almost as big as a 5 shilling-piece, part of his heart and Liver was shot away, and 4 of his ribbs broken: The Key was within side of the door, fastned as the Boy confest, and the Musquet standing upright as carefully set up behind the door, so that considering how he was shot and these circumstances, 'twas plain he could neither do it himself, nor any body that was run away, and therefore it must be the Boy, which was confirm'd by two several Neighbours, who testifie that about 8 a Clock they heard a Gun go off as if it were in Mr. *Bailey's* house, and presently one of them heard something fall down in his shop, and that they both running out into the street, could see no body stirring, and that Mr. *Baily*'s door was shut, whereupon they concluded it was some of the Souldiers at a greater distance: It was also observed that the Gun was bloody, and had the print of a bloody hand upon the Barrel, and that to some of the first he called in, when they were discoursing of the Gun, he said: *Oh do not speak any thing of the Gun, for if you do I am undone*; Besides, there were some drops of Blood on his Cloaths, and he had no sooner discovered his master to be dead, but that very Forenoon, he went up and down to bespake his Custome, and secure the house and shop to himself, so that 'tis believed he did the murther meerly out of covetousness on that account; He is Convicted of petty Treason, and on Friday last was Condemned to be Drawn and Hang'd, which 'tis thought will be against his masters door.

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The last thing we shall acquaint you with; is of a robbery Extraordinary both for the number and the manner of it: On Sunday the 29th. of Decem. about 7 or 8 a of the Clock in the Evening, six men (for no more at first appear'd) came Arm'd to the house of one Mr. *Warton* a *Carpenter* of good estate in *Hatton-Garden*, nigh *Holbourn*, and knocking at the door, as soon as it was opened thrust in, saying they had an order to search the house for papists, they were desired to shew their Warrant, but one that took upon him as a Lieutenant, denyed it, saying, that whilst that was reading, the Traytors might escape, and therefore he would search first: having gone into every room, and perceived what company there was in the house, they came down and declared it was money they came for, and money they would have; then *opening* the door they let in about half a score more of their *companions, & boasted that they'd as many more abroad to guard the streets*. Those of the house they all clapt up into a *room*, locking them in, setting some as Centinels at the door; in the mean time they riffled the House, takeing away 380 ounces of Plate, & Rings from the Gentlemans daughter, valued at 100 *l.* but missed of their main booty; for the Master of the house had been disappointed of a very considerable summ of money that he expected to have received, and had not above 15 or 20 pound in the house, which they took, and so marched off. Bills being left at all Brokers and Goldsmiths, on the Tuesday following a woman inquired of a person if he would buy a considerable parcel of *Plate*? he pretends himself willing, and she tells him he must come to such a house in *Shoo-Lane*, at 6 in the Evening; he gives notice, a Guard is provided, the house beset, five of the Thieves taken, and all the *Plate* found in the Cellar, but the Rings and Money cannot be heard of: one of these five made his escape out of *Newgate* in Womens cloaths, and got clear away, though

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at that time loaded with Irons of 60 *l.* weight, but another of them was ſince taken in *Eſſex*, and with the other four has received ſentence of Death for Burglary, for though they broke no door, yet coming in with an unlawful deſign, as appears in defraud of Law, their entry is judged unlawful from the beginning.

There were 11 *priſoners* carried to Execution at *Tyburn*, on the 22*d.* of *Jan. Viz.* 10 Men, and 1 Woman, beſides the Apprntice in *Little-Brittain*: ſome for robbery in *Hatton Gardon*, & others for Fellony and Horſe-ſtealing, others for Burglary: and being come to the place, of Execution, they were all executed for their ſeveral Facts; There being but little ſaid, the croud and noiſe being ſo great, could not be exactly taken.

Thus have we given you a true account of ſeveral notorious crimes, and the puniſhments that follow. Let all that read this little Book take warning by theſe ſad examples ſet before their eyes to avoid the like ſins, leſt they incurr the ſame ſhameful ends. For the *wages of ſin is Death.*

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